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Pentecost: The Birthday of the Church

Pentecost commemorates when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with the disciples (Acts 2). With the Holy Spirit among the disciples, the church was born. In essence, Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian faith. This year at St. Paul's we will be celebrating Pentecost on May 20th. Pentecost is the last day of the Easter season, the 50th day after Easter Sunday. We invite you to celebrate with us by wearing red and bringing in a present for the church. The presents will be opened by the children after service in the Narthex. Gift ideas could include napkins, colored copy paper, coffee, paper towels, postage stamps, 9 volt batteries, liquid hand soap, tissues, toilet paper, legal size paper, 12-16 gallon trash can liners, address mailing labels, or anything you think the church, Sunday Faith Formation/Sunday School or the office could use. Join us in this fun way to celebrate the birth of the church and support our congregation's ministry.



Newsletter Mailings

In the next couple months, the newsletter will no longer be sent through the mail. An electronic version will be available on our website <http://stpaulswaterloo.com/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.PaulsLutheranELCA/>.

Copies of the newsletter will continue to be available in the literature rack in the church narthex for those who do not use the Internet.

If you would like a copy emailed to you, please provide the church office with your current email address.

If you would like to continue to receive a print copy of the newsletter by mail, please contact the church office at (920) 478-2570.

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Inside St. Paul's

April Council Highlights...

◆ Committee Reports:

Property Committee: The yard-work day has been re-scheduled for the rain date, Saturday, May 5th at 8:00am.

Combined Committee: 16 sewing kits were assembled for LWR. Through mid-May, we are selling goats. For every 10 paper goats sold, a family in need will receive a goat through LWR. A task force will be formed to look into feeding children over the weekend. This is a local project. Support sent 16 letters to inactive members; 5 replies have been received.

Worship Committee: There will be no change in our worship services. The fourth Saturday of each month will be a guitar service, played by Randy Sharpe and Bill Springer. We are in need of piano players for Saturday services. Carnations will be handed out to all mothers at the services Mother's Day weekend.

Finance: Adjustments were made to our organist/pianist pay schedule. Old individual memorial accounts were moved into the general memorial fund to help clean up that budget section for the treasurer. The parking lot blacktopping project will not be done this year. Camp scholarships were increased to 50% of total cost. The Jeffson donation will be put into that fund. The annual audit has been completed.

- ◆ Russ & Marilyn are working on a little library to be placed in our front yard.
- ◆ Pastor, Ray Unrein & Sue Quamme will be St. Paul's delegates at the 2018 Synod Assembly.
- ◆ The office computer still needs a few things done but it is working okay for the programs needed. Katie Junkers will complete that project. She will also give a demonstration of a projector for displaying the service to cut back on printed bulletins for the services.



April membership changes:

Received: 1(UC), 0(C)

Removed: 0(UC), 2(C)

Total Members: 530

Confirmed: 444

Unconfirmed: 87

Received: 1

Lucille Gracelyn Marie Berndt,
Baptism

Removed: 2

Mark & Wendy Sillman, by
request

Confirmed April 22nd

Dylan Bostwick

Abby Quamme

Ian Ritter

Lexie Yelk

Deadline for Newsletter

If you would like to make a contribution to June's newsletter, **please submit information to the office no later than May 18th.**

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May Birthdays

5/1 Austin Cole
5/1 Stephanie Gabrus
5/1 Cheryl Hollatz
5/2 Jenny Adkins
5/2 David Braunschweig
5/2 Kaylee Gors
5/2 Edwina Hilleshiem
5/3 Rachel Abendroth
5/3 Ross Reedy
5/4 Jenny Sandmire
5/7 Jillian Heideman
5/7 Jill Oelke
5/9 Karla Reedy
5/9 Randal Sharpe
5/10 Garrett Mattson
5/10 Phyllis Vehlow

5/11 Cassandra Hollatz
5/12 Sandra Meltz
5/13 Jennifer Billings
5/13 Carl Hafenstein
5/13 Theodore Rowbotham
5/13 Tyler Schwartz
5/14 Sandy Corrie
5/14 Andrew Eilendfeldt
5/14 Steven Lanphier
5/15 Carol Eilenfeldt
5/15 Robert Kosky
5/15 Matthew McCunn
5/16 Karen Hartman
5/16 Sandra Travnick
5/20 Amber Beal
5/22 Theron Retzloff

5/23 Rickey Abendroth
5/24 Russell Pionkowski
5/24 Delores Stevens
5/25 Rori Mattson
5/26 Larry Silha Jr.
5/27 Jeremy Ellis
5/27 Reed Ellis
5/27 William Hubacher
5/28 Steve Woerpel
5/29 Susan Schimmel
5/30 Julienn Riedl
5/31 Susan Buss
5/31 Juan Edwards
5/31 Janet Kannenberg

If your birthday is not listed; the omission not intentional (please contact the church office with an update). We wish you a very Happy Birthday as well!!

Yard Clean-Up Day

**Rescheduled for Rain-Date
Saturday, May 5th at 8am**

The church property committee needs your help in cleaning up outside of the church. If you can help, please bring along a rake, shovel, gloves, sheers, and/or wheelbarrow if possible. Thank you in advance for your help!



Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

-Anonymous

Please join us Mother's Day weekend; every mother in attendance will receive a flower.



Attn: Members

Advertise your business Here!!

St. Paul's is offering free advertising to members who own or manage a business. Your ad space will be based on number of ads and news-letter space available. Typically a 2x3 ad will be available.

We want members to recognize, and be aware of other members business' so we can all help strengthen and support each other.

Please contact the office 920-478-2570 for more information. You can also email your ad, business card or a basic one can be created for you.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church is seeking volunteers to help with the following openings:

- Saturday Pianist
- Lectors & Prayer Leaders
- Videographers
- Ushers
- Counters
- Communion Assistants

If you are able to help, please talk to
Pastor Robb.

Thank you for your ministry to St. Paul's.



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Mobile Food Pantry
Friday, May 25th

2:00-5:30 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church— Fellowship Hall, in Marshall. It is open to people in the Marshall and Waterloo area who are in need of assistance.

Volunteers are also needed from 1-6 pm to help unload the truck, set-up, distribute food and clean-up.

THANK YOU!

Thank You Esther!

We would like to recognize Esther Pratt for over 15 years of service. Esther started playing piano on Saturdays in 2002. She has brought so much love, dedication and a willingness to serve to our congregation and will be dearly missed.

Please join us in thanking Esther for her years of service with a reception following the Saturday, May 19th service.

May God Bless You!



Confirmation Photos

Many thanks to Kim Filter for taking the confirmation photos this year.



Easter Breakfast

We would like to thank everyone who prepared and donated food, helped with set-up, serving, and clean-up during Easter morning breakfast at the church. Your service is appreciated by all!

Little Library

Thank you to Russel Peloquin and Marilyn Connell who built St. Paul's Little Library. They did a wonderful job. It's absolutely beautiful so be sure to stop by and admire their talents. You are welcome to leave a book or take one if you'd like.

Donations for the Little Library are welcome anytime. Please bring them to the church office. We are interested in collecting some books in Spanish but all books are welcome.



St. Paul's 2018 confirmands along with Pastor Robb. The confirmation service took place on Sunday, April 22nd, 2018. Pictured left to right: Dylan Bostwick, Ian Ritter, Pastor Robb, Abigail Quamme, and Lexie Yelk.

God's blessings to you all!



Congratulations to all of St. Paul's 2018 graduates!

- ◆ Garrett Mattson is graduating from UW-Platteville with his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources and Management.
- ◆ Jacob Schemm is graduating from UW-Milwaukee with his Bachelor's degree in Microbiology.
- ◆ Carl Schemm is graduating from UW-Milwaukee with his Master's degree in Management– Finance Analysis.

We will be recognizing all high school and college graduates at our worship service on June 3rd.

May God bless each of you in your future endeavors!

*Congratulations! Now, go out there
and change the world!!*



May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 Worship	3 7:30 AA Office until 12	4 Office until 11	5 8am- Yard Clean-Up 4:15 Service of the Word SCSW Synod Assembly/ Bishop's Election
6 9:00 Communion Worship SCSW Synod Assembly & Bishop's Election	7 5:30 Worship Committee Office until 12	8 6:30 Combined Committee	9 6:30 Worship Office until 12	10 7:30 AA Office until 12	11	12 4:15 Communion Worship
13 9:00 Communion Worship Happy Mother's Day!	14 Office until 12	15 6:30 Council Meeting Office until 10	16 6:30 Worship	17 7:30 AA Office until 10	18 Deadline for Newsletter	19 4:15 Communion Worship
20 9:00 Communion Worship	21 Office until 12	22 Office until 12	23 6:30 Worship Office until 12	24 7:30 AA	25 Office until 10 Pastor Robb Vacation	26 4:15 Service of the Word Pastor Robb Vacation
27 9:00 Communion Worship Pastor Robb Vacation	28 Happy Memorial Day! Pastor Robb Vacation	29 Pastor Robb Vacation	30 6:30 Worship Office until 12	31 7:30 AA		

Serving in May

May 6th

LECTOR: Mary Hunt
PRAYER LEADER: Mary Hunt
GREETERS: Don & Phyllis Vehlow
ACOLYTE: Corryn Retzloff
COMM ASST: Sue Wuchterl & Judy Gehler
VIDEOGRAPHER: Dave Zastrow
CONF. USHER: Brenna Huebner
ORGANIST: Elizabeth Converse
CANTOR: None
USHERS: Lyle Braunschweig
 David Braunschweig
 Rick Sellnow
 Don Vehlow
 Phyllis Vehlow

May 13th

LECTOR: **Volunteer Needed**
PRAYER LEADER: **Volunteer Needed**
GREETERS: Ray & Joan Unrein
ACOLYTE: Corryn Retzloff
COMM ASST: Dave Weber & Juan Edwards
VIDEOGRAPHER: Cyril Converse
CONF. USHER: Kaylee Bostwick
PIANIST: Becky Christian
CANTOR: **Volunteer Needed**
USHERS: Dave Weber
 Kay Weber
 Dale Eilenfeldt
 Cyril Converse

May 20th

LECTOR: Kathleen Throne-Luebs
PRAYER LEADER: Kathleen Throne-Luebs
GREETERS: Ed & Jean Tousignant
ACOLYTE: Seth Kosky
COMM ASST: Theresa Peachey & Jill Oelke
VIDEOGRAPHER: Cyril Converse
CONF. USHER: Bradee Haberman
ORGANIST: Elizabeth Converse
CANTOR: Jill Oelke
USHERS: Dave Weber
 Kay Weber
 Dale Eilenfeldt
 Cyril Converse

May 27th

LECTOR: Judy Gehler
PRAYER LEADER: Judy Gehler
GREETERS: Russel Peloquin & Kris Wilke
ACOLYTE: Rylee Duessler
COMM ASST: Intinction
VIDEOGRAPHER: **Volunteer Needed**
CONF. USHER: Maddie Webster
ORGANIST: Elizabeth Converse
CANTOR: Judy Gehler
USHERS: Don Riege
 Bernard Galston
 Mark Schaller
 Russel Peloquin
 Stephan Peachey

Sat May 5th

PIANIST: Becky Christian

Sat May 12th

PIANIST: Jenni Hayes
COMM ASST: Harvey Duessler
ACOLYTE: Rylee Duessler

Sat May 19th

PIANIST: Becky Christian
COMM ASST: Harvey Duessler
ACOLYTE: Kaylee Bostwick

Sat May 26th

PIANIST: Elizabeth Converse
GUITAR: Randy Sharpe & Bill Springer

ALTAR GUILD MAY: Pre- Judy Gehler & Cheryl Setz
Post- Rori Mattson



Give the Gift of a Goat

Just one goat can save lives.

Did you know that goat's milk is easier to digest than cow's milk? It is also an excellent source of calcium, protein, and many other essential nutrients that growing children need. A dairy goat can give up to 16 cups of milk a day. They are also very practical animals and flourish in harsh climates, while producing valuable manure to fertilize crops and gardens.

The money donated, will be used to purchase goats for children and families in need.

Every 10 paper goats equals one real goat.

To date, we have 26 goats.

Thank you to everyone who has donated.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Help Feed Children in Waterloo

St. Paul's outreach committee is forming a task force to explore opportunities to help provide meals for children in Waterloo who are in need of such assistance.

We hope to work together with other organizations like the schools and library.

If you are interested in helping with this, please contact
Pastor Robb, Jean Tousignant, or Jan Crave.

Together, we can make a difference and help end childhood hunger.



LWR Fabric Kits

Thank you for participating in our collection of items for LWR Fabric Kits.

Our 16 Kits (96 yards of fabric and 32 spools of thread) have been shipped to LWR's warehouse in Minnesota.



According to the LWR website, throughout the year many volunteers come together to assemble Kits of Care. Once items reach the warehouse, they are sorted and packed by staff and volunteers, both to prevent damage and to ensure efficient and cost-effective packing. It takes about a month from the time kits arrive at the warehouse to when they are processed, re-packed and ready for shipment.

In the meantime, LWR staff work with partners overseas to determine what items are most needed and where. LWR then notifies it's warehouses to prepare the necessary materials for shipment. This process takes one to two months.

Once the Kits are prepared for shipment, materials travel by ocean freight to the receiving partner in countries around the world. This process can take roughly one to two months, depending on which warehouse the materials are sent from and to which country they are going.

From there, our partners get items cleared through customs, transfer them to storage (where they can be safely held until they can be distributed) and sort them according to local needs.

Our donations will be tracked so that we can learn exactly where our kits have been distributed.

-lwr.org/get-involved/quilts/tracker

Thanks again to all who generously donated fabric and thread for this project!

Summer Camp – Crossways and Lutherdale

Register your children, ages second grade through high school, for summer camp at Crossways Camping Ministries (Waupaca, Clintonville or Hatley) or Lutherdale (Elkhorn). Each camp has various programs. Information can be found online at www.crosswayscamps.org, www.lutherdale.org and at St Paul's.



Camp Scholarships are available for up to 50% of the cost of the camp.
For an application, please pick one up at St. Paul's, or contact the church office.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Synod Assembly and a Bishop's Election

On the weekend of May 5th and 6th we will have our annual Synod Assembly of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin of the ELCA in Wisconsin Dells. Ray Unrein and Sue Quamme will be attending the assembly with me.

At this year's assembly, we will be electing a new bishop for our synod. Our current bishop, Mary Froiland, was elected five years ago when she was pastor of Luther Valley Lutheran Church near Beloit. Due to health problems that she suffered last year, she decided to step down from the office a year early.



The process of electing a bishop is an interesting one. There will be several ballots taken while the members of the assembly seek to discern who is being called to serve in this position and we trust that the Holy Spirit will be guiding us through the election.

On the first ballot, any pastor in the ELCA can be nominated. After that, the list is narrowed down to seven pastors, then three, and then two, until we have elected a new bishop—probably sometime on Sunday afternoon. There can be up to five ballots taken (fewer, if one pastor receives a large majority on one of the earlier ballots).

In order to help the process, the synod formed a committee, which Ray is serving on, to help identify some pastors in the synod who might be called to serve as bishop. My wife, Lisa Nelson, who is serving as pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Columbus, was one of the 10 pastors whose name was lifted up and who took part in the process. It is likely that one of those 10 pastors will be elected, although there is no way to know who will be elected until we get to the assembly.

Below is a part of the newsletter article that Lisa wrote for her congregation about being a part of this process:

“Earlier this year, people were asked to lift up names of pastors, whom they see as possibilities for bishop. My name (Lisa's) was lifted up, and I am honored, if not somewhat unsettled. I do not feel up to the task. However, I know God will give me what I need to do what I'm called to do. I also know I would be perfectly happy to continue my ministry in the parish...

In talking with others on the “the list,” many of us feel we are called simply to be part of this process. We don't know if we are called to be bishop. Time and the Holy Spirit will tell. We just want to see what the Holy Spirit is up to. I still feel called to Faith but know that can change. It would be difficult to leave here, but again God will give me what I need to answer God's call.

It's a relief to know God will provide. If you find yourself in a challenging or anxiety-producing situation, I hope you will try this approach. Remind yourself that God is at work in your life and the lives of others. If you feel called to do a difficult thing, know that God will give you the courage and the wisdom you need. Look for the Holy Spirit at work in your life and follow the Spirit.

The synod assembly is in Wisconsin Dells on May 5th and 6th. Please pray for the assembly and the election process, and we will look for the Holy Spirit at work.” (Pastor Lisa Nelson)

Your Pastor in Christ,

Pastor Robb (& Pastor Lisa)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Robb".

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